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1. The Communists in the State of Sao Paulo, anticipating upheaval in case of Federal intervention in that state, have formed five-man combat groups within their cells. At least one member of the combat group must be an active Party member. The cells and combat groups allegedly have a designated plan of action in the event that rioting takes place.
2. Combat groups have been formed, for the most part, in the factories in the Lapa, Utinga, Mosca, and Penha Districts of Sao Paulo.

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